

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dunagan, Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann  
STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Palmour, Jordan

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) Update**

City Manager Kip Padgett introduced Tommy Alsup to provide the update. Mr. Alsup introduced other representatives from CCA, and then stated there were 135 full-time employees and 189 inmates at the facility. He expressed appreciation for the partnership with the City of Gainesville noting he has periodic discussions with the City Manager.

#### **Resolution: Amendment to ICE Contract**

City Manager Kip Padgett stated the proposed resolution allowed the US Marshal's Service to use the old jail facility by authorizing an amendment to the City's agreement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Inmates in the care of the US Marshal's Service will be housed at this facility for approximately one week before relocating to a federal prison.

Tommy Alsup, Corrections Corporation of America, anticipated 150 to 200 inmates would be housed from the US Marshal's Service. The proposed amendment was for a one-year period. If all works as expected, there would be a renewal agreement next year.

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#### **Downtown Renaissance Project**

City Manager Kip Padgett stated this was a cooperative project between the City and University of Georgia through the Renaissance Fellows Program. The presentation provides ideas from the eyes of someone that is not a local resident. Communication and Tourism Director Catiel Felts and Community Development Director Rusty Ligon made the presentation which addressed the following:

- Off-Street and On-Street Parking
- A **FRESH** Approach, An Instructive Guide to Downtown Infill
  - Footprint, Roof Shape, Envelope, Skin and Holes
- Streetscape Improvements for Bradford Street and Washington Street
- Moving forward in regards to implementation, funding and phasing

Staff was impressed with the information that was received through the program.

Council Member Wangemann suggested adding a decorative clock in the downtown area.

#### **New Holland Project**

City Manager Kip Padgett reported staff met with the developers for the New Holland Project. They are planning to reserve space at New Holland Market for "Welcome to Gainesville" signage. Council viewed an artist rendering of the design. Mr. Padgett stated the City was asked to participate in the cost for the welcome sign which was anticipated to be \$15,000 to \$20,000 which could be paid from economic development funds.

There was consensus for the city to participate in funding the welcome sign.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application  
King Food Mart, 1041 Athens Street**

Senior Finance Technician Tracie Morris reported the application was in order.

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**FIRE ISSUES:**

**Appropriation Resolution: Authorization to Increase Budgeted Project Amount for  
Rescue 22 Fleet Replacement Vehicle**

Fire Chief Jerome Yarbrough stated this project was identified approximately five years ago. Funding would be provided from Impact Fees. The cost of the project had increased. The proposed resolution authorized additional funds from Impact Fees to cover the purchase of a Rescue 22 Fleet Replacement vehicle. All of the equipment for the vehicle would be donated by vendors.

Upon inquiry from Council Member Hamrick, there was discussion about how this vehicle would be used.

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:**

**Project Resolution: Hancock Dry Storage Buildings**

Distribution and Collection System Manager Joey Leverette stated the purpose of the resolution was to provide a building to keep the equipment out of the weather. The intent was to provide a longer life for the equipment. Upon inquiry from Council Member Hamrick, Mr. Leverette indicated a manual wash with a wand system was part of the plan.

The proposed resolution authorized the expenditure of \$300,000 from the Public Utilities Department Capital Project Fund.

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**Project Resolution: Corrugated Metal Sanitary Sewer Replacements Design and Bidding  
Services**

Civil Engineer Nick Swafford indicated there was some pipe in the system that needed to be replaced. This project was included in the Capital Improvement Plan. Staff wanted to move forward with the in-house design, sanitary sewer bidding, and other task to make a recommendation to Council. The proposed resolution authorized the expenditure of \$70,000 from the Public Utilities Capital Project Fund.

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**PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES:**

**Business Resolution: FAA Remote Communication Outlet (RCO) Memorandum of Agreement (MOU)**

Airport Manager Terry Palmer stated the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) began the discussion to convert all nav-aid agreements to MOU's for cost saving purposes. He felt it was advantageous for the City to proceed. The proposed resolution authorized the City Manager to execute the MOU.

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**CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:**

**Joint Municipal Association (JMA) Meeting**

City Manager Padgett stated the next JMA meeting would be hosted by the City of Gillsville on August 26. Agenda information had not been received yet.

**COUNCIL ISSUES:**

**Council Member Figueras**

1. Commended staff for working on the downtown areas.
2. Commended Generation Inspiration for their cleanup efforts in the downtown area.
3. Shared information from the last Second Saturday meeting.
4. Announced she would host a cake walk on August 17 to raise money for her scholarship fund.

**Council Member Bruner**

Introduced Sloan Jones as the Director of Community Engagement at University of North Georgia (UNG).

**Council Member Wangemann**

1. Provided a report regarding a recent community cleanup.
2. Announced the Rivers Alive Cleanup was scheduled for September 21.
3. Announced he has delivered 97,000 invitations to the Council Meetings since starting the project approximately three years ago.
4. Expressed pleasure in seeing an increased interest in city government noting more people had received qualifying packets this year.

**Council Member Hamrick**

Stated there had been considerable discussion about the Green Street Post Office. He felt there should be some dialogue with management to get them to decentralize from Green Street.

**RECESS: 10:12 AM**

**RECONVENE: 10:16 AM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

City Manager Padgett requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Council Member Figueras requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

City Attorney Palmour requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters.

**Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters at 10:16 AM.**

Motion made by Council Member Bruner

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

**Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Hamrick, Figueras, Bruner, Wangemann**

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Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe and Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall attended a portion of the Executive Session.

**Motion to close the Executive Session to continue the Work Session at 11:58 AM.**

Motion made by Council Member Figueras

Motion seconded by Council Member Hamrick

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**OTHER ISSUES:**

**Solid Waste**

City Manager Padgett stated there were some inconsistencies with providing solid waste services in gated communities. Staff would be amending the solid waste ordinance to address this discrepancy.

**Pavilion**

Mayor Dunagan asked if staff was planning to pursue a grant for the American Legion Pavilion.

**Cooper Pants Factory**

City Manager Padgett stated the grant to place a marker at the Cooper Pants Factory was received. It will be another six to nine months before the marker is available.

**Parks and Recreation Board Meeting**

Mayor Dunagan reported people are planning to attend the next P&R Board meeting to address the placement of athletic equipment in the Frances Meadows Center.

**Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Community Development Committee**

Council Member Bruner announced she will chair the Community Development Committee for GMA.

**Island Annexations**

It was noted that a motion was approved to annex the remaining islands by the end of the year. Since then, Council discussed extending that deadline. Council was asked to consider amending the motion to validate their desires regarding the deadline for completing the annexation process.

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**Mayor Dunagan Resignation**

Mayor Dunagan stated his intention to resign from his seat as a Council Member after the August 20 Council Meeting to run for the elected Mayor position.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 12:15 PM

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